

TOTAL FIRE LOSS IS PUT AT \$350,000

Alexander Building and Lumber Yards Are Destroyed.

In the face of a biting wind and a temperature that registered close to the zero mark, members of the city fire department for over 12 hours Wednesday fought fires in various parts of the city and finally succeeded in saving the building adjoining the Alexander building, 297-299 South Main street, from destruction although the building itself is a complete wreck. The department responded to 13 alarms during the course of the day. Overhead wires or furnaces is assigned by the department as the cause of most of the fires.

The total fire loss is estimated by the department to be approximately \$350,000. The Alexander building was valued at \$125,000. The loss started in this building about 4 o'clock Wednesday morning and probably originated in the basement of the building from a worn heater which was left burning when the gas was low. When the gas came on about 11 o'clock such an intense heat was created that the building caught fire under the first floor.

No sooner had the firemen started work on the fire in this building than an alarm from the R. C. Geck Lumber yards at Fourth and Frankfort was turned in. This fire was soon beyond control and the yards are a total loss.

Accurate estimates of the total losses sustained by victims of the fires are still unknown. Owing to the absence of R. C. Geck, president of the lumber company who is now in California, officials of the concern were unable to state the amount of insurance carried on the property destroyed. The Alexander building was insured for \$125,000.

The cause of the epidemic of fires which occurred within the last 26 hours was declared by Chief R. C. Alder, of the fire department, to be the irregularities in gas pressure. Small flames in pipes and heaters due to the low pressure suddenly become dangerous blazes when the pressure is increased.

Poor water pressure and a fire fighting force made inadequate by the large number of fires hindered the work of the department and made it necessary for some of the men to remain on duty for hours without relief and they were forced to stand in the same position during that time.

Harold Hunt and C. I. Martin, both of the central station, sustained injuries in the fire. Hunt is suffering from a frozen foot and Martin had his hand frozen, according to Dr. H. F. Zink who attended the men.

Last night and at noon yesterday hot coffee and warm food were served the firemen by the women of the home service section of the Red Cross, according to Mrs. Allie Goley. Similar refreshments were supplied the fire fighters yesterday morning by "Dad" Hill, who runs a restaurant near the Main street fire.

Following are the firms and offices destroyed by the fires: R. C. Geck Lumber company, Town Talk Millinery company, Garner Drug company, Lewis and Rose, Jewellers and Hostwirth Stationery company, Dr. C. H. Harsen, O. L. Chancellor, real estate, Dr. M. A. Zell, dentist, F. N. Cravens, real estate, E. W. Swart, civil engineer, C. W. Singleton, real estate, N. W. Hancher, violin shop, R. E. Berger, attorney, Arthur E. Butler, printing, H. E. Johnson, real estate, Fred D. Oller and Harry W. Kiskaddon, oil investors.

AUTOMATIC BANK IN SCHOOL

Three Thrift Stamp Slot Machines to Help Pupils Learn to Save.

Three automatic thrift bank tellers have been ordered by the board of education and upon their arrival will be installed in Osage, Horace Mann, and Central schools. The machines are duplicates of the one now used in the high school building.

Sale of stamps by the present machine shows a steady increase, according to A. C. Horner in charge of the bank. The thrift stamps when pasted in folders similar to those used for the war saving stamps may be redeemed for cash at the high school savings bank or may be exchanged for shares in the bank itself. Both stamps and shares are accepted on accounts at any bank in the city, as the result of the recent action of the clearing house association placing its approval on the thrift campaign in the schools.

MRS. PENNEY DIES HERE

Funeral of Mother of Local Druggist to Be Held Friday.

Mrs. George Penney died at the home of her son, Dr. T. A. Penney, 1321 South Boston avenue, at 6 o'clock Wednesday afternoon following a short illness. Funeral services will be held from the residence at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Penney was born in Armonk county, Ireland, October 17, 1844. She was married in Logan county, Iowa, to George Penney. The couple have been living in Tulsa a little less than a year. She was a devoted Episcopalian. Surviving relatives include her husband, George Penney and son, T. A. Penney. Burial will be in Rose Hill cemetery.

Burglar Alarms Installed.

Installation of electric burglar protection devices is advocated by F. M. Bohn, commissioner of police and fire, who declared yesterday that if enough of the merchants of the city put in the machines that the police department would install a special board and operator for them. The Union National bank is installing the system, Mr. Bohn said.

Brewer Home Tulsa.

C. W. Brewer, vice president of the Security State bank, will return today from Oklahoma City, where on Tuesday and Wednesday he attended the meeting of the Oklahoma Bankers association.

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Eleven Fires in Tulsa Yesterday

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